President's Letter
Fran Hammond

I am home from the NTSS-2004, National Topical Stamp Show, in Memphis. Tenn. I saw many familiar faces, missed those who I had hoped would be there but most exciting was meeting new people. We officers (speaking for myself) feel as if you are all family, some of you have been with us many years and have never had contact except for the payment of dues, others write or e-mail for information, we are disappointed when there is no renewal and wonder why, saddened with the news of a death, so it means so much to us when we get to meet in person. Next year the convention will be in Milwaukee June 13-15. Plan to come if you have any excuse to be in the area

One point I wish to make in this letter is that this issue is the 1st official one on the Web Site. If some of you have neglected to notify us that you would like to use the web you can signup at any time. Just let chris-dahle@fastermac.net or fhammond@charter.net know, we communicate. You will be able to download only the sections you are interested in and they can be in color.

For all members who also belong to ATA, in the July-Aug. issue there is an insert sheet to complete for the 2005-07 directory. I want to encourage all of you to fill out the form. The last directory was a great disappointment and of little use to anyone. The Federal Privacy Act will not allow any information to be printed without your permission. I was guilty then as I thought that they would use the information that they had on hand, wrong! One advantage of belonging to ATA is being able to contact collectors who have the same interests you do. The directory is a tool for that.

Do feel free to contact me on any problem or question you have. If I don't know, I will point you in the right direction.

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